

REMARKS

This paper responds to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on May 20, 2005.

None of the claims are amended, canceled, or added. Claims 19, 20, 53, 79-87, 98-102, and 104-125 remain pending in this application.

The Office Action states that previously presented claims 19-20, 53, 79, 81-82, 84-85, 87, 107-112, and 125 are withdrawn from further consideration as being drawn to a non-elected species 4. Applicant still believes that claims 19-20, 53, 79, 81-82, 84-85, 87, 107-112, and 125 read on the elected species 1. Therefore, Applicant believes that the amendment and response dated February 28, 2005, which was entered, was responsive.

However, to expedite prosecution, Applicant requests that previously presented claims 19-20, 53, 79, 81-82, 84-85, 87, 107-112, and 125 be reconsidered and examined under species 4 as indicated in the Office Action.

Further, Applicant believes that at least one of the claims 19, 53, and 125 is a generic/linking claim for all species. Accordingly, Applicant also requests consideration and allowance of previously withdrawn claims 80, 83, 86, 98-102, 104-106, and 113-124 when any one of the claims 19, 53, and 125 is allowed.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6969 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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